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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not know what forces have got hold of the District Board of Malabar, whether they are democratic or undemocratic but we have to be guided by the rules in respect of grants to the various district boards. We cannot make an exception in respect of one district board alone."

Metalling of " Tippu Sultan " road in Ponnani taluk

* 692 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to metal the Old Military road in Ponnani taluk?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" No, Sir."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, the old Military road ' Tippu Sultan ' road as it is popularly known is a very important coastal road. It is of very great use for the transport of fish. The present bus route from Guruvayoor to Ponnani is about 36 miles. If this road is metalled the distance between Guruvayoor and Ponnani will be reduced to 16 miles. In view of the importance of this road will the Government take up metalling of the road immediately? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" If the hon. Member submits definite proposals, I shall ask the District Board to examine it."

Irrigation tank for Pulivalam

* 693 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the villagers of Pulivalam, Musiri taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, made a representation to the President, District Development and Planning Board, Tiruchirappalli, and to the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Tiruchirappalli South, requesting to construct an irrigation tank in their village;

(*b*) if so, whether any investigation was made and any estimate was prepared;

(*c*) whether the villagers offered to contribute a portion of the cost of the construction; and

(*d*) at what stage the proposal is now pending with the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The villagers of Pulivalam in Musiri taluk made a representation to the Collector of Tiruchirappalli to form a tank for the purpose of irrigation in the village.

" (*b*) An investigation was made and an estimate for Rupees 97,000 was prepared by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Tiruchirappalli Division.